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Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Sir:

In response to the decision dated May 13, 2004, the Applicant requests reconsideration of this decision, the request for reconsideration being filed within two (2) months of the mailing date of the decision.

Accordingly, this request for reconsideration is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 and a requisite submission. An amendment was previously submitted on March 15, 2004, that the Applicant believes satisfies the requisite submission. The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) accompanies this request.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The instant application was abandoned for failure to respond to an outstanding action within the statutory period for reply. A Petition for Revival for an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally was filed under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) on March 15, 2004, and included the previously filed response to the outstanding action. The petition was DISMISSED because the response raised new matter and the Applicant failed to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the petition.

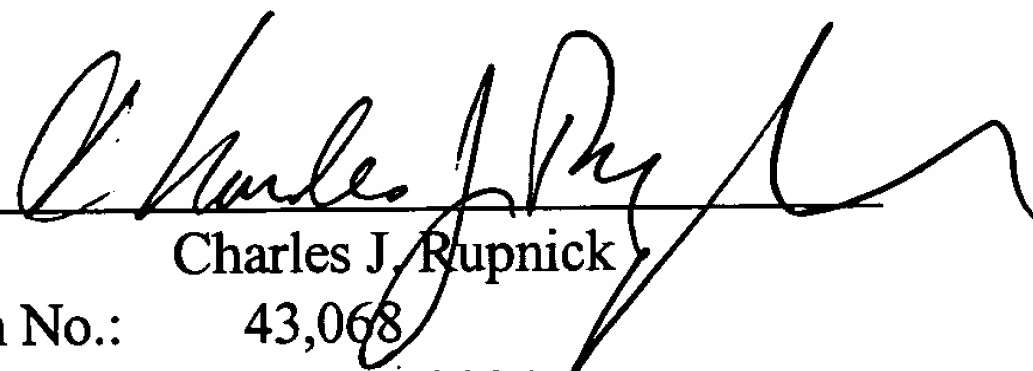
A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith, including the RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e). The RCE requests the Amendment filed March 15, 2004, be considered as a response to the outstanding action.

The instant Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) being in order and including the requisite submissions, reconsideration and approval of the Petition is requested.

If the Examiner has questions or wishes to discuss any aspect of the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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